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**MR. BRYAN'S PLANS FOR THE POPULIST
NOTIFICATION CEREMONIES.**

another Statement on His Idea of the Order
of Importance of the Issues. Letter of
Acceptance Now Completed. He Will Speak
in Kansas and Nebraska Towns This Week.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 13.—It is quite certain
that silver will be brought to the front at the
populist notification at Topeka next Thursday.
Mr. Bryan politely declines to even hint to the
reporters an outline of his speech, and all that
he would say directly to the newspaper repre-
sentatives upon the subject was that he would
not at such notification the issues just as the
conventions had signified their belief as to
harmony. To his friends he has been re-
com-munistic. He tells them that he will
discuss the money question at some length
at Topeka. The Populists, he says, came to
his support in 1896 largely because he repre-
sented their views upon the money question and
because they believed his success meant the
restoration of free coinage. At the Sioux
Falls Convention this year free silver was not
brought so emphatically to the front, but Mr.
Bryan accepted the money question as being
proper one for discus-sion at the notification
ceremonies. At the Silver Republican notifica-
tion he proposes to deal with the trusts as the
aromatic issue.

Mr. Bryan has finished the first draft of his
cooke speech. To-morrow he will go over it
and give out copies to the press. His letter
of acceptance, in which he says he will touch
in detail upon every issue mentioned by the
conspiratorial platform waiting his final re-
vision, but he does not expect to get it ready
for the impatient public until about Sept. 1.
Mr. Bryan starts on Tuesday upon a con-
tinuing tour of southeastern Nebraska. He
will preach anti-imperialism on Tuesday in
the Populist stronghold of Saunders county.
On Tuesday he will speak at Omaha, where
he is booked for speech at Falls City. On
Wednesday he will make a series of five-minute
addresses from the rear
platform of his special car at Nebraska points
of interest. On Thursday he will speak at
Lincoln. On Friday he will speak at Omaha.
These speeches are undertaken with the idea of giving
a compendium in Nebraska and Kansas an
impression that is expected to aid the candidates
materially. He will be accompanied by Fusion
members for Congress in the various districts.

Mr. Bryan makes this statement of why
he will not silver have been temporarily pushed
the front.

"We have fought against the high tariff, and
we have fought against the tariff today because
we see great trusts hiding behind tariff barriers
of plundering American citizens, while they
conquer in foreign markets. But we do not
forget the tariff as the supreme issue. The
question of taxation is one which you can meet
any time. When the silver question came
we placed the tariff question in the back-
ground and fought on the silver question. We
admitted that the American people should have an
American financial policy, and that, without
aid or consent of any other
nation on earth, and we believe it
right. I would be ashamed to
ask a fellow citizen in the face of I had to accept
the tariff question in the United States.
But the question of imperialism has
arisen and for the time being it engrosses public
attention. If I am sitting in a house with a
publican discussing economic questions and
a house catches fire, it is up long enough
to put out the fire. The Republican party
is injected into American politics to-day a
question which affects the house itself and en-
gages our self government. Give us the
right to legislate on every question and we will
settle every question that returns the Ameri-
can people to their own government. The Republi-
can govern ourselves, then that question must
be settled. The very people who were not
settling four years ago that the American people
could attend to their own business, now want
American people to attend to the business
of other people in other parts of the world."

Alleged Absconder Nabbed for Theft.

In January, 1899, Franklin S. Bailey, a real
estate agent at 336 Broome street, sent Stewart
Prine of 348 East Twenty-third street, who
in his employ, to deposit \$600 in the Bowery
Savings Bank. Prine's business, disappeared
with the money. On Saturday night Bailey met
Prine on the Bowery and had him arrested. In
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trial on a charge of grand larceny. He
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